

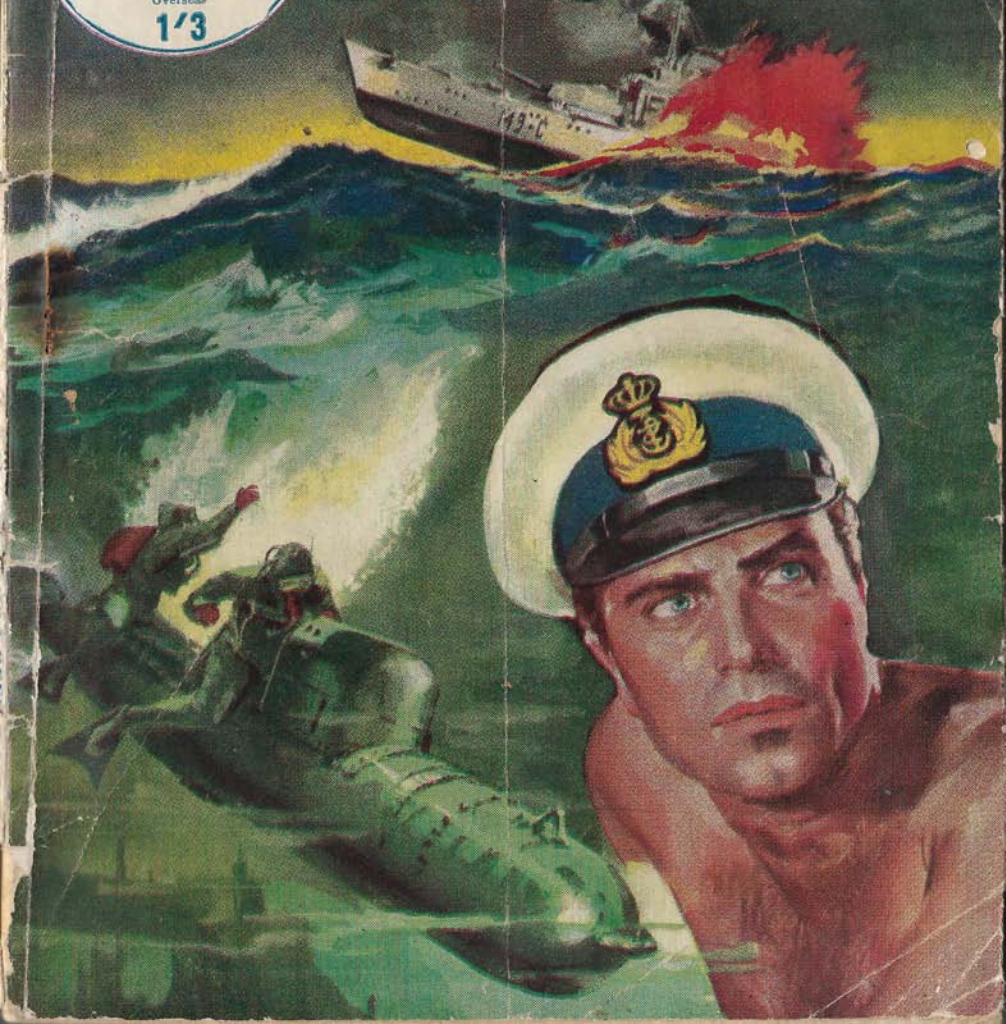
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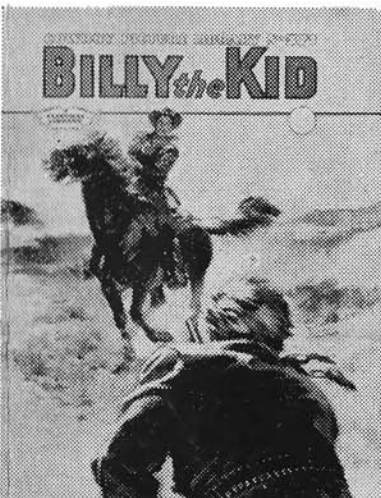


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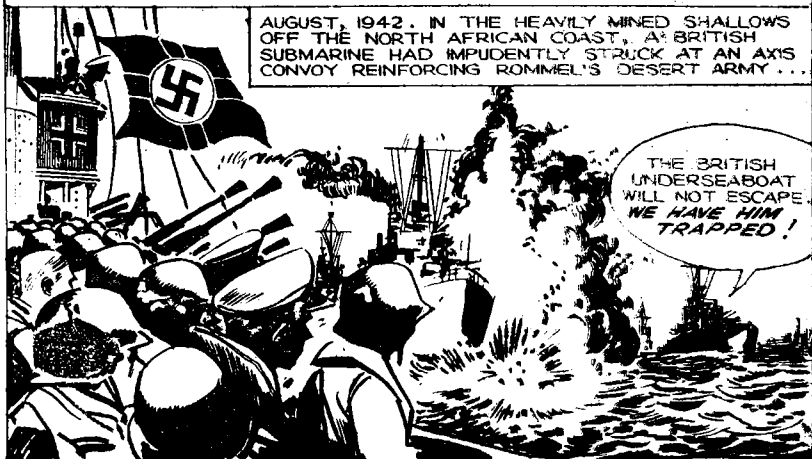
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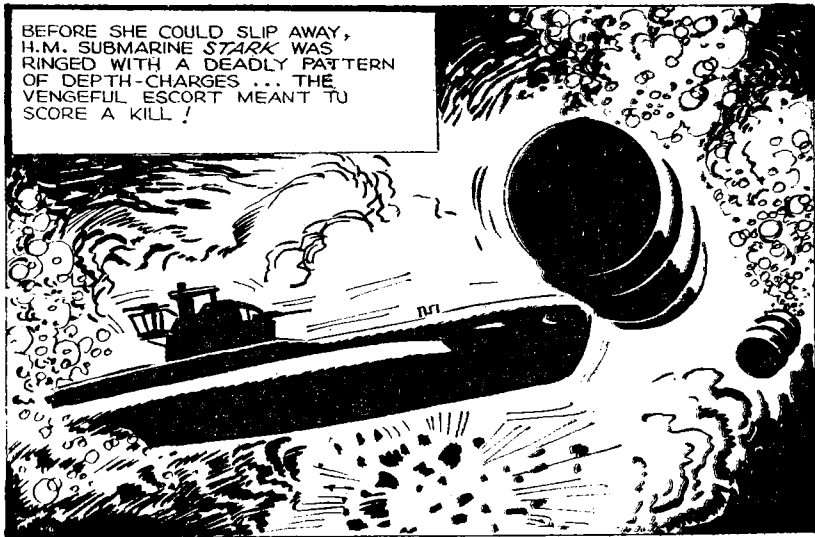
WHILE MIGHTY ARMIES, VAST  
ARMADAS AND BOMBER FLEETS  
BATTLED FOR SUPREMACY IN  
THE MAIN ARENAS OF WORLD  
WAR TWO, SMALL UNITS OF  
SKILLED AND DETERMINED MEN  
OFTEN CREATED DAMAGE AND  
CASUALTIES OUT OF ALL  
PROPORTION TO THEIR NUMBERS.  
SUCH MEN WERE THE  
DAREDEVILS OF THE ROYAL  
NAVY WHO SAILED TO THE  
UNDERSEA WAR ASTRIDE  
HUMAN TORPEDO CHARIOTS  
AND IN MIDGET SUBMARINES...



## Chapter 1 NEW COMMAND



BEFORE SHE COULD SLIP AWAY, H.M. SUBMARINE *STARK* WAS RINGED WITH A DEADLY PATTERN OF DEPTH-CHARGES ... THE VENGEFUL ESCORT MEANT TO SCORE A KILL!



## Danger Dives Deep

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SHOCK WAVES STRUCK THE SUBMARINE'S SLEEK HULL LIKE BLOWS FROM A GIANT BATTERING RAM, AND STARK WAS HURLED ON HER BEAM-ENDS. INSIDE, TURMOIL REIGNED ...



RELENTLESSLY, THE ATTACK WENT ON--THUDDING BLOW AFTER BLOW--UNTIL IT SEEMED THAT THE STEEL WALLS COULD TAKE NO MORE. WITH A TERRIBLE JAR, SHE STRUCK BOTTOM AND THE LIGHTS WENT OUT ...



## Danger Dives Deep

THE SHARP, COMMANDING VOICE OF THE SUBMARINE'S FIRST LIEUTENANT, SANDY STEWART, INSTANTLY STILLED THE RISING TREMORS OF PANIC AMONGST THE CREW ...



EMERGENCY  
LIGHTING  
RIGGED, SIR!

VERY GOOD! NOW WE'LL  
SET ABOUT GETTING THINGS  
ORGANISED -- WE'RE NOT  
FINISHED YET -- **AS THE  
HUN WILL FIND OUT!**

THE SICK BAY ATTENDANT HAD MADE A QUICK EXAMINATION OF THE UNCONSCIOUS CAPTAIN AND HIS REPORT WAS GRIM ...



COMMANDER  
RAWSON HAS  
A FRACTURED  
SKULL, SIR!  
HE'S IN A  
BAD WAY...

YOU'RE IN  
COMMAND  
NOW, SANDY.

BLOW ALL TANKS!  
STARBOARD  
TWENTY...  
SLOW AHEAD  
TOGETHER!



OIL AND BUBBLES OF AIR HAD ESCAPED FROM THE FRACTURED PLATES OF THE SUBMARINE, AND THE GRIM WATCHERS ON THE SURFACE WERE CONVINCED THAT THEIR ATTACK HAD SUCCEEDED.





## Danger Dives Deep

BUT H.M.S. STARK HAD SURVIVED -- FOR THE MOMENT!



ICE-CALM, THE YOUNG LIEUTENANT WAITED AS THE SUBMARINE WEAVER A BLIND COURSE BETWEEN THE TERRIBLE MINES. DEATH WAS BUT A TOUCH AWAY...





THE CONVOY WAS A MILE AWAY BUT *STARK* WAS CLOSING WITH IT. THE ATTACK PERISCOPE BROKE SURFACE -- AND STEWART GAZED UPON HIS ERSTWHILE ATTACKER...



THE ENEMY'S GUARD HAD BEEN RELAXED AND THE WHITE TORPEDO TRACK ARROWING TOWARDS THE GERMAN DESTROYER'S SIDE WAS NOT SEEN UNTIL IT WAS TOO LATE.



## Danger Dives Deep

STARX, BRILLIANTLY HANDLED BY HER TEMPORARY SKIPPER, MADE A DEVASTATING ATTACK ON THE ENEMY SHIPPING. ROMMEL'S VITALLY NEEDED REINFORCEMENTS OF TANKS AND MEN WOULD NEVER REACH AFRICA'S SHORES.



AS THEY FIRED THE LAST OF THEIR TORPEDOES, THE RATING AT THE SOUND DETECTOR APPARATUS TURNED TO STEWART ...



## Danger Dives Deep

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STARK NOSED DOWN AT FULL SPEED -- ESCAPING BENEATH THE SINKING HULL OF ONE OF HER VICTIMS AND COMPLETELY CONFUSING THE ENEMY ANTI-SUB DEVICES ...



AND THE ITALIAN DESTROYER ESCORT WAS LEFT TO SEARCH AN EMPTY OCEAN ...

SUB CONTACT  
LOST, CAPITANO ...

MAMA MIA!  
LET US GET  
BACK TO THE  
CONVOY BEFORE  
MORE SHIPS  
ARE LOST!



## Danger Dives Deep

FIFTEEN HOURS LATER, LIEUTENANT STEWART PROUDLY BROUGHT THE VICTORIOUS *STARAK* HOME TO HER MALTA BASE ...



COMMANDER (SUBMARINES) GAVE SANDY STEWART THE NEWS HE HAD TRAINED AND WORKED FOR SINCE JOINING THE SUBMARINE SERVICE ...

I'M SENDING YOU BACK TO ENGLAND, STEWART...THERE'S A BRAND-NEW SUBMARINE WAITING FOR A BRAND-NEW SKIPPER...



*H.M.S. WARFISH* IS HER NAME ... **AND SHE'S YOURS!** THE JOB IS ALSO WORTH AN EXTRA HALF-RING ON YOUR SLEEVE...

MY OWN SUB! SHE'LL BE THE BEST IN ANY NAVY, SIR -- I PROMISE YOU THAT!



## Danger Dives Deep

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HIS FLIGHT HOME FROM MALTA SEEMED FAR TOO LONG AND TEDIOUS FOR THE EAGER YOUNG MAN WHO WAS TO COMMAND *H.M.S. WARFISH*.



AND SO STEWART REPORTED TO THE SUBMARINE BASE, *DOLPHIN*, AT GOSPORT. THERE, HE EAGERLY TOOK COMMAND OF THE ROYAL NAVY'S LATEST SUBMARINE, A SLIM, STREAMLINED GIANT OF 100 TONS -- FAST AND VERY EFFICIENT.





HOW HE LONGED TO TAKE HIS OWN SHIP OUT ON PATROL ... TO MATCH HIS WITS AND SKILL WITH THE RUTHLESS ENEMY ...



## Danger Dives Deep.

13

M.S. *WARFISH* WAS TO START HER SEA TRIALS THE FOLLOWING DAY AND STEWART LEFT HOME IN GOOD TIME TO JOIN HER. THE AIR RAID WARNING HAD SOUNDED ...



ENEMY BOMBERS WERE DRONING OVERHEAD AND THE A.A. GUNS THUNDERING AS STEWART'S TAXI MOVED OFF ALONG LONDON'S BLACKED-OUT STREETS. SUDDENLY, THERE WAS A TREMENDOUS CRASH AND THE CAB CAME TO A SHUDDERING HALT - ONE BOMB HAD FALLEN ONLY A FEW YARDS AWAY.





# Danger Dives Deep

STEWART SCRAMBLED OUT OF THE CAB WITH HIS SUITCASE. AN AIR RAID WARDEN WAS DASHING PAST TOWARDS THE GUTTED BUILDING AND THE SUB COMMANDER HAILED HIM ...

HEY! I'M A NAVAL OFFICER RETURNING TO DUTY... HOW CAN I GET TO WATERLOO STATION FROM HERE?

WALK IT!  
DON'T YOU KNOW THERE'S A WAR ON?

OFFICER! HELP ME TO FIND A TAXI -- I MUST RETURN TO MY SHIP! IT'S VITAL!

SO'S MY JOB, SIR! PEOPLE ARE BURIED IN A SHELTER BELOW BRACKSTONE BUILDINGS ...

BUT... BUT... THAT'S WHERE I LEFT MY WIFE!

ICY FINGERS OF FEAR CLAWING AT HIS SPINE, STEWART RUSHED TO JOIN THE RESCUE SQUADS IN THE MACABRE LIGHT OF THE BURNING BUILDINGS ...

JANE ...  
YOU'RE SAFE!

I'M ALL RIGHT, SANDY... BUT THERE ARE STILL PEOPLE IN THE SHELTER!



HAIRFISH - DUTY - THE TIME - ALL WERE FORGOTTEN ONLY ONE THING MATTERED FOR THE MOMENT ~ TO SAVE LIFE !



THE BARRAGE INCREASED IN INTENSITY AS THE HUN BOMBERS INDISCRIMINATELY POURED THEIR DEADLY CARGOES INTO THE CARNAGE BELOW ...



# Danger Dives Deep

A STICK OF HIGH EXPLOSIVE STRADDLED THE ALREADY BATTERED STREETS ...



IT WAS NOT THE END FOR SANDY STEWART... BUT H.M.S. WARFISH DID HER FIRST PATROL WITHOUT HER NEW SKIPPER!



Chapter 2

# HUMAN TORPEDOES

WITH A HEAVY HEART, STEWART EVENTUALLY TOOK UP HIS NEW APPOINTMENT. **IT WAS NO NEW SUBMARINE** BUT A SHORE JOB WITH AN EXPERIMENTAL UNIT IN THE SHETLAND ISLES.

WELCOME TO THE CHARIOTS, SIR. I'M LEADING TORPEDOMAN YOUNG ...

THIS INSTEAD OF COMMANDING A SUBMARINE!



STEWART COULD SCARCELY BRING HIMSELF TO REPLY TO THE GREETING, SO BITTER WAS HIS DISAPPOINTMENT, AND HIS GLOOMY ATTITUDE WAS TAKEN AT ITS FACE VALUE ...

THINKS HE'S TOO GOOD FOR US, I RECKON, GUNS. THOUGHT HE LOOKED A LIKELY LAD, TOO!

HE WAS A RED-HOT SUBMARINER / GIVE HIM TIME TO SETTLE ...



*Danger Dives Deep*

BUT THE NEW ARRIVAL WAS GIVEN LITTLE TIME TO SETTLE ~ OR BEMOAN HIS FATE ~ FOR AN IMMENSE NUMBER OF TASKS AWAITED ATTENTION AT THE EXPERIMENTAL STATION ...



SET STEWART A PERILOUS SUBMARINE PATROL PROBLEM AND THE SOLUTION WOULD SPRING INSTINCTIVELY TO HIS MIND... BUT HERE HE WAS OUT OF HIS DEPTH ...



## Danger Dives Deep

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HINNER'S MATE HARLOW AND LEADING TORPEDOMAN YOUNG -- THEY WERE THE HANDS THE YOUNG OFFICER HAD HEARD WERE EXPERTS AT ALMOST ANYTHING ...



IT NEEDED ONLY AN HOUR'S PRACTICE UNDERWATER FOR STEWART TO FEEL THE FIRST GLIMMERINGS OF INTEREST IN THE STRANGE METHOD OF WARFARE -- AN INTEREST THAT WAS TO GROW Apace UNTIL WITHIN THREE WEEKS, STEWART HAD SURPRISED EVEN HIS EXPERT INSTRUCTORS ...



## Danger Dives Deep

A STRONG BOND OF FRIENDSHIP AND RESPECT WAS FORGED BETWEEN THE EX-SUBMARINE OFFICER AND THE TWO MEN ...



DURING THE MONTHS THAT FOLLOWED, STEWART PLAYED A FULL PART IN THE TRAINING OF THE UNDERWATER COMMANDOS, BRINGING THEM TO A HIGH PEAK OF EFFICIENCY. AT LAST, THE TIME FOR ACTION CAME ...





## Danger Dives Deep

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CAPTAIN ROBSON, R.N., WENT ON TO GIVE MORE DETAILS OF THE MISSION AND WHEN HE HAD FINISHED, STEWART SPOKE UP URGENTLY...

IF MY BOYS ARE GOING TO RAID A HARBOUR IN NAZI-OCCUPIED FRANCE ~ I WANT TO BE IN ON IT, SIR!

YOU'RE A VALUABLE TRAINING OFFICER, LIEUTENANT-COMMANDER STEWART... REQUEST... DENIED!



THE YOUNG OFFICER'S HEART SANK AND HOT PROTESTS SPRANG TO HIS LIPS, BUT BEFORE HE COULD VOICE THEM, AN EARTH-SHAKING EXPLOSION ROCKED THE ROOM, SHATTERING THE GLASS IN THE WINDOWS AND DOOR...



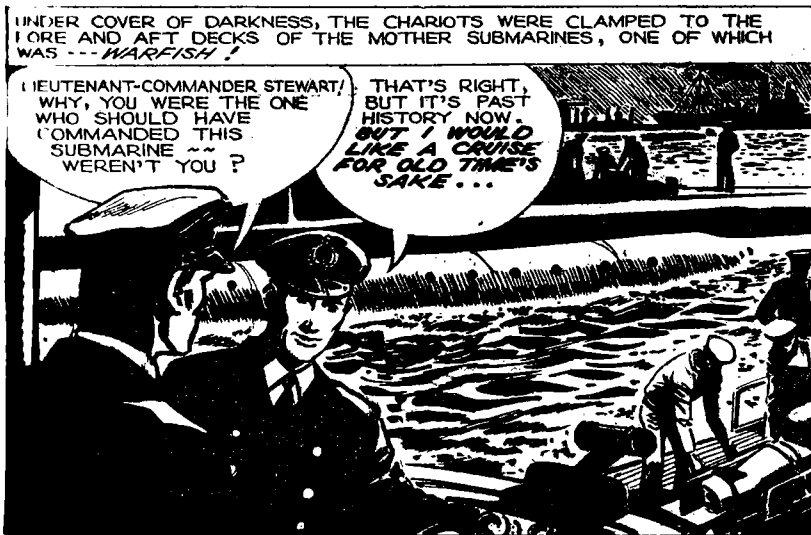
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STANDING AMIDST THE SMOKING REMAINS OF THEIR WORKSHOP HUT WERE HARLOW AND YOUNG. CAPTAIN ROBSON LET OUT AN IRATE SHOUT ...



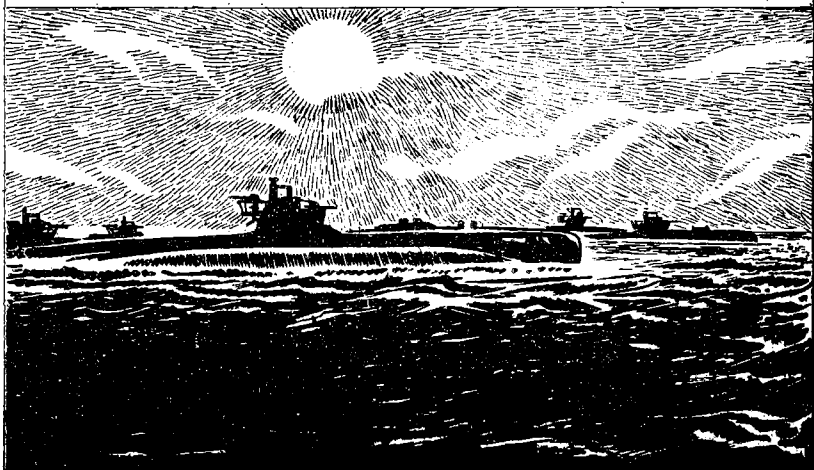
SANDY STEWART, AS EXECUTIVE OFFICER, WAS ORDERED TO DEAL WITH THE MISCREANTS ...





*Danger Dives Deep*

THE FLOTILLA OF CHARIOT-BEARING SUBMARINES SET COURSE FOR ST. MALO IN ENEMY-OCCUPIED FRANCE ~~ AND ON BOARD ONE OF THEM WAS SANDY STEWART!



THE JOURNEY TOWARDS THE HOSTILE COAST WAS MADE SUBMERGED AND AT THE APPOINTED RENDEZVOUS, LIEUTENANT-COMMANDER WARBURTON BROUGHT *WARFISH* UP TO PERISCOPE DEPTH ...

FIVE MILES FROM  
DESTINATION ~~ PREPARE  
TO SURFACE. CHARIOTEERS,  
STAND BY TO  
DEPART !



THERE WAS A BUSTLE OF MOVEMENT IN THE TINY CONTROL ROOM AND SUDDENLY WARBURTON STARED WIDE-EYED AT  
 "IN FULL CHARIOTEER'S KIT!"



LIEUTENANT-COMMANDER  
 STEWART! I THOUGHT  
 YOU MERELY CAME  
 FOR THE RIDE!

THAT'S RIGHT,  
 I'VE DECIDED TO  
 CARRY ON TO  
 SAINT MALO ~~  
 BY CHARIOT!

A DOZEN HUMAN TORPEDOES WERE MAN-HANDLED INTO THE WATER  
 AND AT A GIVEN SIGNAL, THEY POINTED THEIR BLUNT, EXPLOSIVE-  
 BARRELED NOSES TOWARDS LAND.

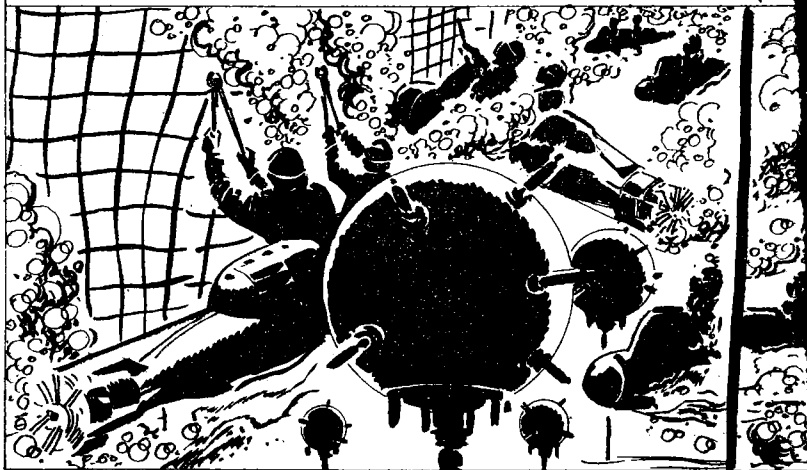


SEE YOU BEFORE  
 DAWN ~~ KEEP  
 OUR BREAKFAST  
 WARM!

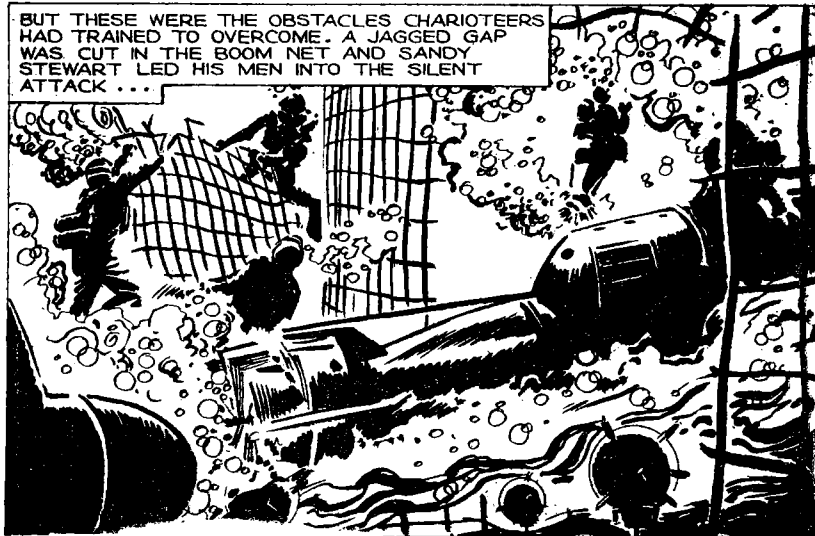
GIVE THOSE JERRIES  
 SOMETHING TO  
 REMEMBER YOU BY ~~  
 AND DON'T BE TOO  
 LATE ~~ IT'S A  
 LONG SWIM  
 HOME!

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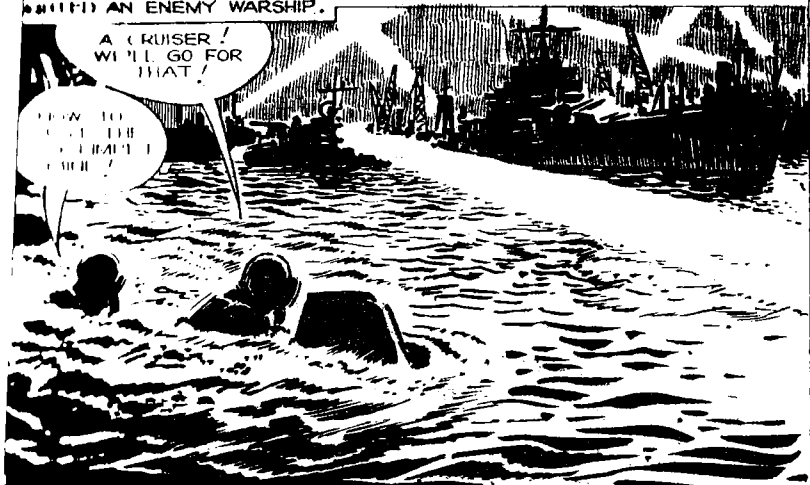
PACKED WITH NAZI SHIPPING, THE PORT OF ST. MALO OFFERED NO EASY ACCESS TO FURTIVE APPROACH. THE APPROACHES WERE MINED HEAVY STEEL NETS COVERED THE SWEEP CHANNELS.



BUT THESE WERE THE OBSTACLES CHARIOTEERS HAD TRAINED TO OVERCOME. A JAGGED GAP WAS CUT IN THE BOOM NET AND SANDY STEWART LED HIS MEN INTO THE SILENT ATTACK ...



AT TARGETS LAY AHEAD -- AND AN EVER-WATCHFUL ENEMY. CAUTIOUSLY, HE WENT LEASED HIS CHARIOT TOWARDS THE SURFACE AND IMMEDIATELY SPOTTED AN ENEMY WARSHIP.



THE OTHER CHARIOTEERS SOUGHT OUT THEIR OWN DESIGNATED AREA OF THE HARBOUR BASIN, FIXING THEIR DEADLY MINES TO THE VULNERABLE ENCRUSTED HULLS OF THE SHIPS THEY FOUND THERE.



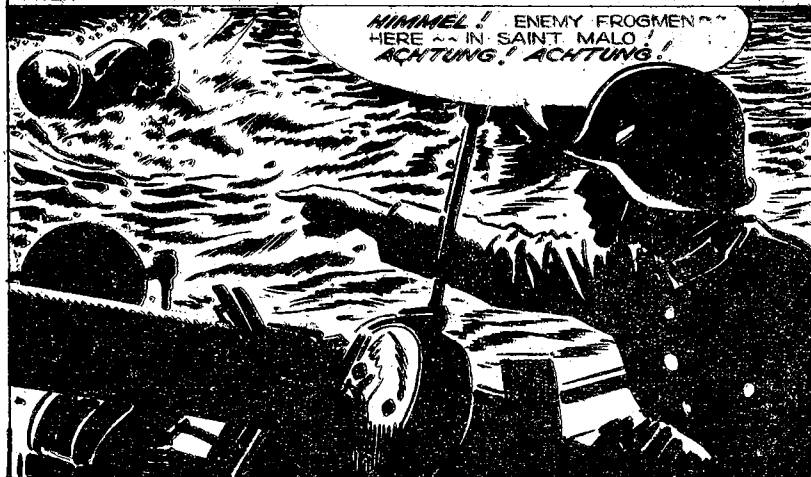


## Danger Dives Deep

THE HAZARDOUS OPERATION WAS PROCEEDING WITHOUT A HITCH WHEN SUDDENLY, DISASTER THREATENED ...



THE LOOKOUT ON A GERMAN HARBOUR PATROL LAUNCH STARED, POP-EYED, AS A WEIRD, SINISTER SHAPE BROKE SURFACE NOT TWENTY YARDS AWAY FROM HIM.



## Danger Dives Deep

THE ALARM HAD BEEN GIVEN -- THE HUNT WAS UP! SHARP UNDERWATER EXPLOSIONS SENT VIOLENT PRESSURE WAVES BEATING AT THE 'HARIOTEERS' BODIES ...

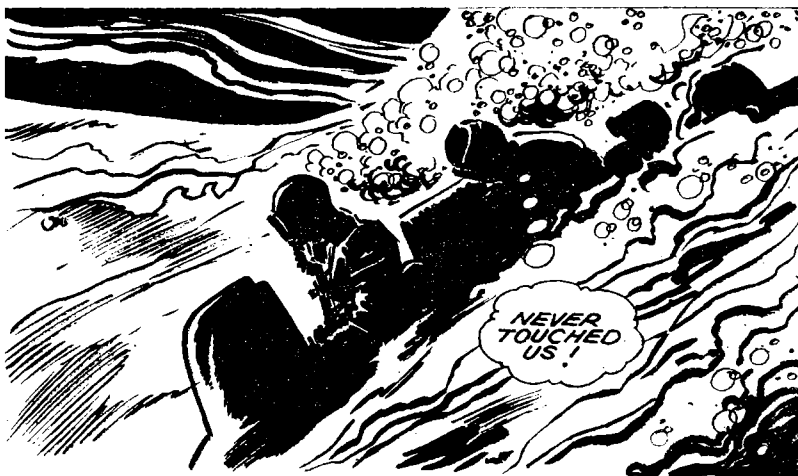


THE SCREWS OF A PATROL BOAT THRASHED THE SURFACE AS IT SEARCHED FOR THE INVISIBLE ENEMY. THE MAIN PARTY WERE ALREADY HEADING TOWARDS THE HARBOUR ENTRANCE AND THE SAFETY OF THE OPEN SEA, WHEN SANDY STEWART SURFACED -- AS A DECOY!



## Danger Dives Deep

A GRIM GAME OF TAG ENSUED ... THE PRIZE WAS TIME ~  
TIME OTHERS COULD USE TO MAKE A GETAWAY ....



AGAIN AND AGAIN THE CHARIOT FLIRTED WITH DEATH UNTIL A  
SUDDEN AND UNEXPECTED DIVERSION PUT THE INFURIATED AND  
RELENTLESS ENEMY OFF THE TRACK .



SUFFERING BY WRIST-COMPASS, STEWART INSTANTLY TOOK HIS HUMAN TORPEDO DOWN THROUGH THE NET DEFENCES ...



NEAR OF THE HARBOUR, THE PAIR CAME UP FOR A STAR-SIGHT TO ENABLE THEM TO NAVIGATE BACK TO THEIR SUBMARINE ...



# Danger Dives Deep

BUT *WARFISH* HAD A PROBLEM. SHE WAS SUBMERGED... HUNTING, AND BEING HUNTED!

SOUNDS LIKE A U-BOAT, SIR! ON OUR STARBOARD QUARTER ~~ APPROACHING FAST!

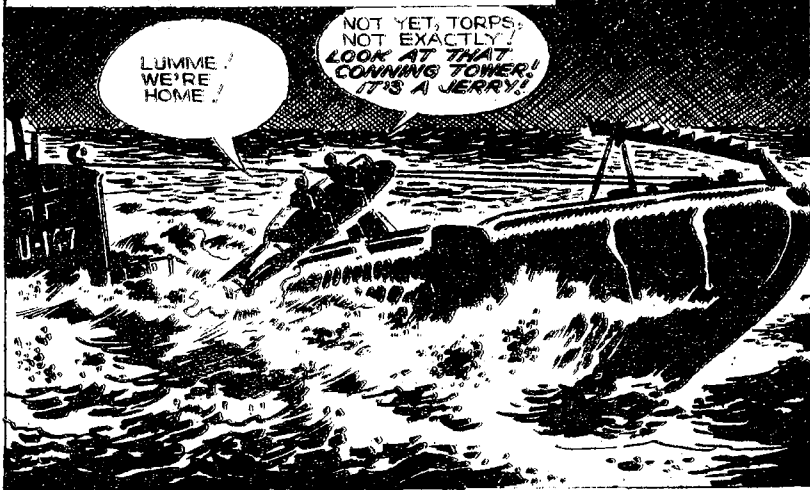
SHE MUST HAVE HEARD US, TOO. STAND BY, FORWARD TORPEDO TUBES...



STEWART AND YOUNG FOUND A SUBMARINE... BUT IT WAS NOT *WARFISH*!

LUMME, WE'RE HOME.

NOT YET, TORPS! NOT EXACTLY! LOOK AT THAT CONNING TOWER! IT'S A JERRY!



## Danger Dives Deep

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THE SWEET TASTE OF VICTORY SUDDENLY BECAME BITTER IN THEIR MOUTHS -- BUT THEIR SPIRITS WERE UNDAUNTED.



EVEN AS LEADING-TORPEDOMAN YOUNG HURLED HIS RETORT IN THE NAZI'S TEETH, THE FIRST OF THE DELAYED-ACTION CHARGES WENT UP.



# Chapter 3. MIGHTY MIDGETS

THE GERMANS WERE IN AN UGLY TEMPER AS THEY BUNDLED THEIR CAPTIVES BELOW.

HERR KAPITAN... WE HAVE CONTACTED ANOTHER UNDERSEA BOAT! MOVING ACROSS OUR BOW...

AH! IT WILL BE A BRITISHER RETURNING FOR THESE TWO WE HOLD PRISONER. SILENT ROUTINE! WE'LL LAY IN WAIT!

WARFISH WAS MOVING FORWARD INTO MORTAL DANGER...

NO SOUND OF THE U-BOAT NOW, SIR! SHE MUST HAVE PASSED US!

EXCELLENT! WE'LL SURFACE AND SEARCH FOR STEWART AND YOUNG! UP PERISCOPE!



THE ENGLISHMEN ON THE U-BOAT WATCHED THE DEADLY ATTACK UNFOLD WITH ANGUISH IN THEIR HEARTS -- THEN, SUDDENLY, ANDY STEWART WHISPERED URGENTLY TO YOUNG ...

HE'LL GET WARRFISH --  
UNLESS WE DO  
SOMETHING!

STAND BY,  
FORWARD  
TORPEDO  
TUBES!



SUDDENLY, ABOARD THE BRITISH SUBMARINE, THE SONAR OPERATOR LEAPT TO HIS FEET IN ASTONISHMENT.

YEEOW!  
MY POOR  
EARS! WHAT  
A RACKET!

IT MUST BE THE U-BOAT!  
QUICK, GIVE ME A BEARING ON  
THAT NOISE! STAND BY TO  
FIRE TORPEDOES!



# Danger Dives Deep

STEWART HAD FOUND A WAY OF WARNING HIS COMRADES. HE AND YOUNG WERE HAMMERING THE STEEL HULL OF THE U-BOAT WITH SPANNERS THEY HAD SNATCHED FROM A RACK NEARBY.



KEEP IT UP,  
TORPS ...!

SHOOT THEM  
DOWN, YOU  
FOOLS!

THE TABLES WERE TURNED ON THE ENEMY -- WARFISH NOW HAD A TARGET ... *ONE SHE COULD HARDLY MISS!*

NOISE  
BEARING  
O-SEVEN-  
FIVE  
DEGREES,  
SIR!

STEWART AND YOUNG --  
THEY MUST HAVE BEEN  
PICKED UP BY A  
U-BOAT -- *YOU'LL  
KILL THEM!*

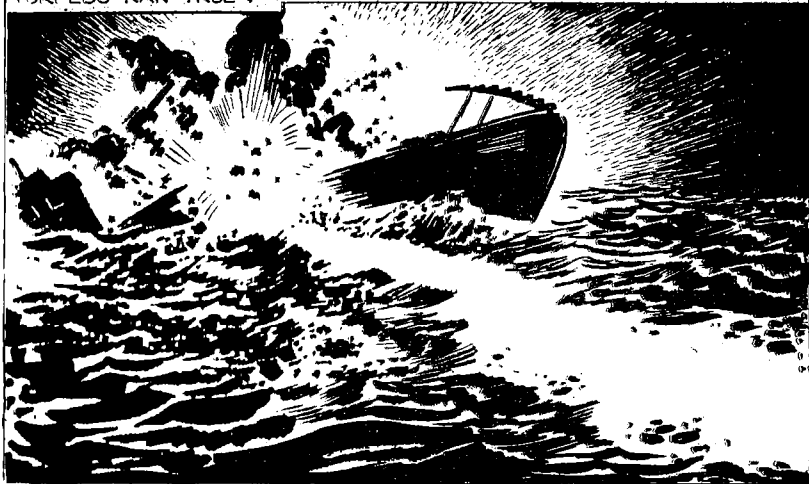
I KNOW THAT  
ONLY TOO WELL!  
*BUT SO DO  
THEY! FIRE!*



## Danger Dives Deep

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ALTHOUGH WARBURTON'S MIND MIGHT BE IN A TURMOIL AT THE DECISION HE HAD TO MAKE, HIS COMMAND WAS FIRMLY GIVEN -- AND THE TORPEDO RAN TRUE.



THE BOAT WAS RIVEN ASUNDER AND *WARFISH* CLOSED IN TO SEARCH FOR SURVIVORS. A HANDFUL OF SWIMMERS STRUGGLED IN THICK OIL...



# Danger Dives Deep

SO STEWART RETURNED ... HOPING THAT NOW HE HAD EARNED A SUBMARINE COMMAND OF HIS OWN ...

YOU SHOW GREAT APTITUDE FOR THIS SORT OF OPERATION, STEWART. YOU'VE BEEN RECOMMENDED FOR ANOTHER DECORATION!

I DON'T WANT ANOTHER DECORATION, SIR!  
**I WANT A SUBMARINE!**

AH, WE'VE SOMETHING BETTER THAN THAT FOR YOU!



WE'VE JUST THE THING FOR A CLOAK AND DAGGER FELLOW LIKE YOURSELF ...  
**YOU ARE TO TRAIN A FLOTILLA OF MIDGET SUBMARINES UP TO OPERATIONAL STANDARDS!**



SANDY STEWART STUMBLED OUT INTO THE ROAR OF LONDON'S TRAFFIC ... TO FIND OLD FRIENDS WAITING ...

AT YOUR SERVICE, SIR!



YOU BIRDS OF EVIL-OMEN! LOOKS AS IF I'M SADDLED WITH YOU FOR LIFE!

## Danger Dives Deep

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SO THE TRIO OF UNDERWATER COMMANDOS SET-TO TO LICK INTO SHAPE A BRAND-NEW FLOTILLA OF X-CRAFT... BRITAIN'S AMAZING MIDGET SUBS ...



# Danger Dives Deep

DEEPLY DISAPPOINTED THOUGH HE HAD BEEN, STEWART PUT HIS DUTY FIRST, THROWING ALL HIS ENERGIES INTO THE TRAINING OF THE NEW UNDERSEA FORCE.



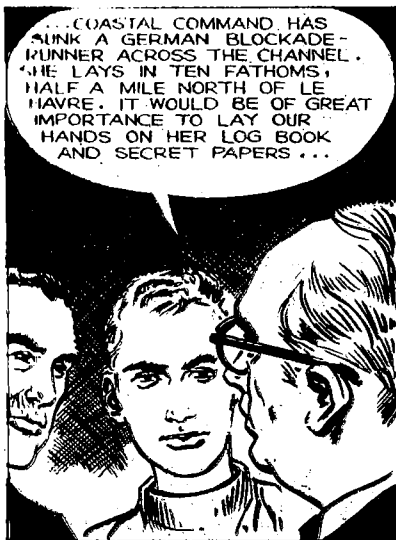
A RADIO CALL WENT OUT FROM SHORE TO MIDGET SUB X-100 ...



## Danger Dives Deep

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WITHOUT CHANGING INTO UNIFORM, HIS HANDS AND FACE STILL SMEARED WITH THE GRIME OF THE MIDGET SUB, STEWART HURRIED ASHORE...



## Danger Dives Deep

STEWART REALISED THE IMPORTANCE OF THE MISSION HE WAS TO UNDERTAKE ... *AND THE DANGER!*

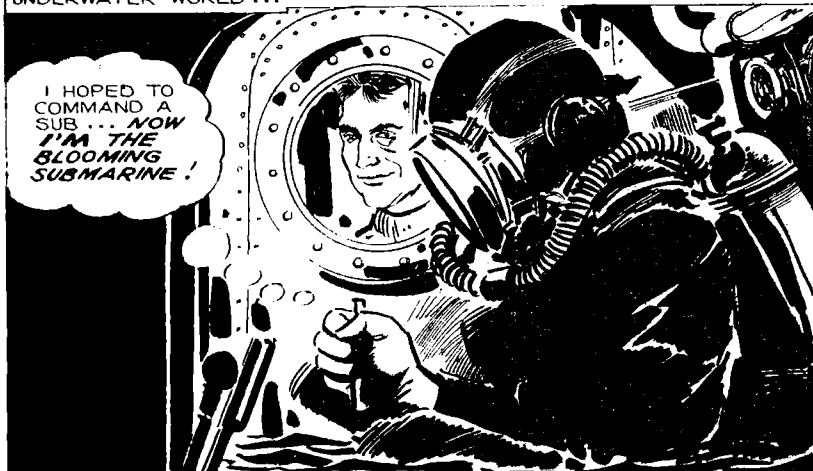


SIX HOURS LATER, X-100 WAS CREEPING UNDERWATER TOWARDS GERMAN-OCCUPIED LE HAVRE ...

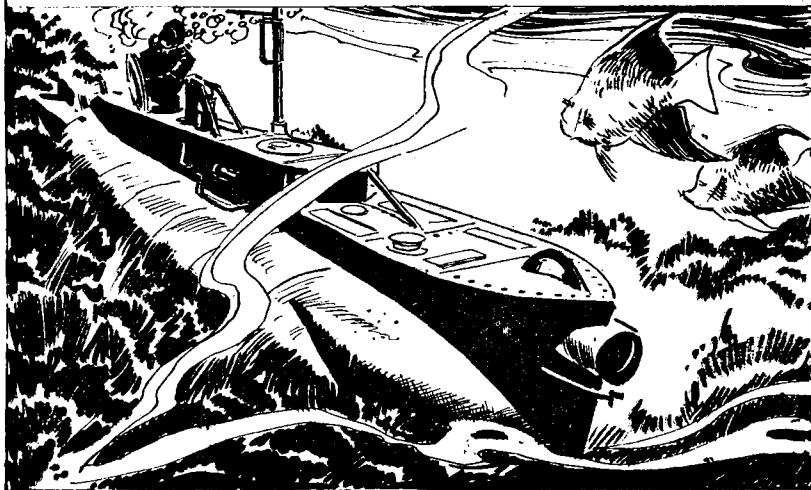




STEWART DONNED FULL FROGMAN KIT AND THEN THE ESCAPE COMPARTMENT WAS FLOODED TO ALLOW ACCESS TO THE OUTSIDE UNDERWATER WORLD ...



THE EERIE-LOOKING FIGURE EMERGED INTO THE MURKY GREEN DEPTHS.



HARLOW HAD BEEN RIGHT -- A LARGE WRECK LAY ON ITS SIDE NEARBY. AS STEWART SWAM SMOOTHLY TOWARDS IT, HE SAW THAT THE HULL AND UPPER WORKS WERE AS YET UNTOUCHED BY BARNACLES AND MARINE GROWTH.

HASN'T BEEN  
HERE LONG -- IT  
FITS THE DESCRIPTION  
OF THE BLOCKADE  
RUNNER... NOW  
TO FIND THE  
CAPTAIN'S OFFICE --  
**AND THOSE  
NAZI PAPERS!**



PATIENTLY, HARLOW AND YOUNG WAITED IN THE MIDGET SUBMARINE... THE AIR GREW WARM AND FOUL... TIME PASSED SLOWLY BUT REMORSELESSLY.



HAMPERED BY A LEAKING AIR VALVE, STEWART WAS SEARCHING STILL... IN THE TOP-TURVY WORLD OF THE SHIP RESTING, AS IT WAS, ON ITS SIDE.



## Danger Dives Deep

A HEAVE OF HIS SHOULDER OPENED THE DOOR OF THE CAPTAIN'S OFFICE ...



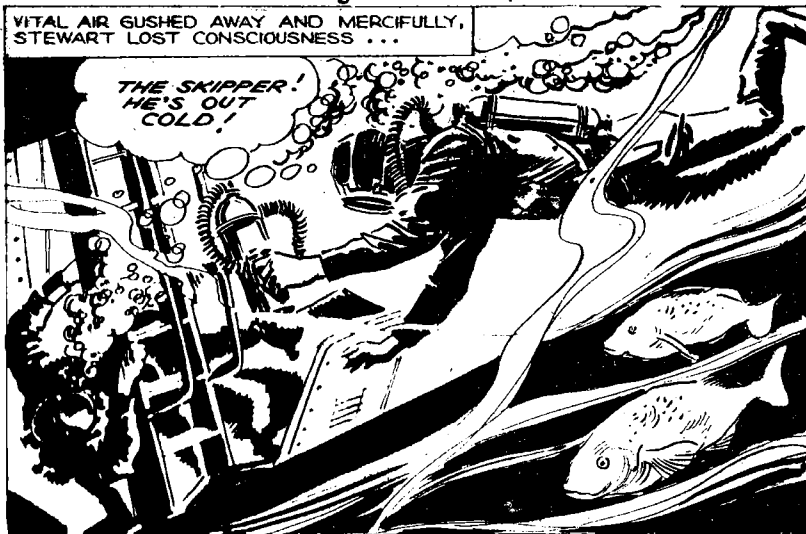
THE FROGMAN PACKED UNDERWATER EXPLOSIVE AROUND THE SAFE AND RETREATED ...



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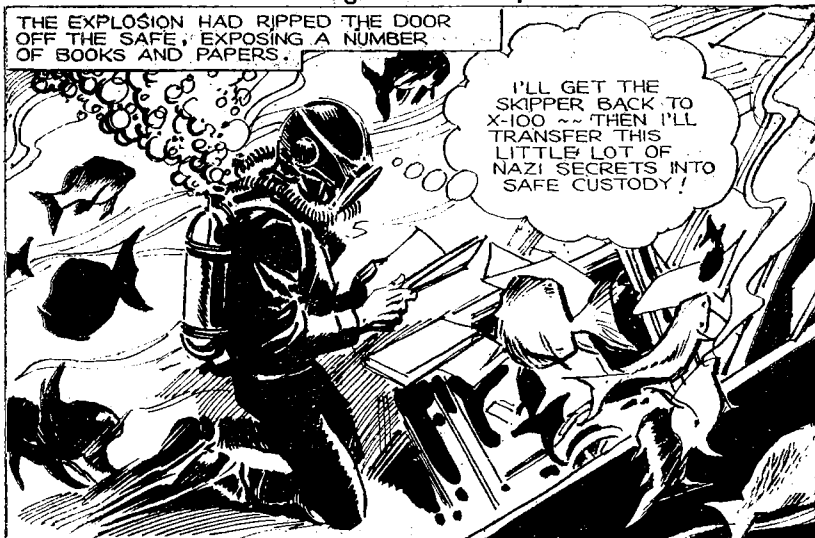
VITAL AIR GUSHED AWAY AND MERCIFULLY,  
STEWART LOST CONSCIOUSNESS ...



YOUNG, EXHIBITLY REPLACED THE FAULTY LUNG,  
AN UNDERWATER SKILL THE FRIENDS HAD  
PRACTISED SINCE THEIR TRAINING DAYS ..



# Danger Dives Deep



# Chapter 4 UNDERWATER COMMANDOS

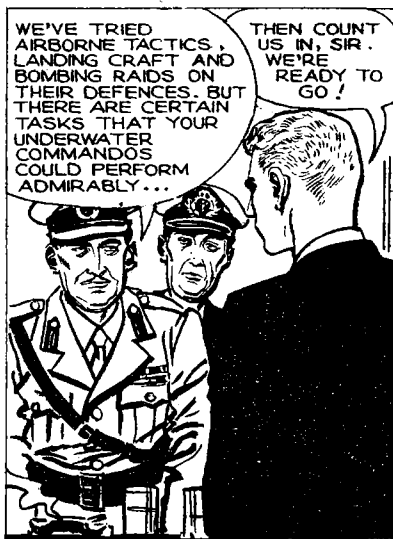
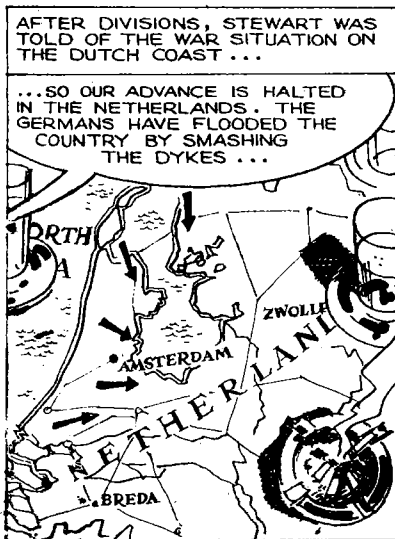
THE MIDGET SUBMARINES HAD PROVED THEMSELVES AND IN THE FOLLOWING VIOLENT YEARS, THEY PERFORMED ONE PERILOUS MISSION AFTER ANOTHER. BUT THE OLD YEARNING FOR A SUBMARINE COMMAND HAD NEVER LEFT SANDY STEWART, HIS X-CRAFT FLOTILLA HAD DISTINGUISHED ITSELF BEFORE AND AFTER D-DAY, 1944....

A FINE BODY  
OF MEN, STEWART  
A CREDIT TO  
YOU!

THEY'RE GETTING  
RESTLESS, SIR. NOW  
THAT THE *TIRPITZ* IS  
SUNK AND THE FRENCH  
HARBOURS RE-CAPTURED...  
*WE'VE NO TARGETS  
LEFT IN EUROPE!*



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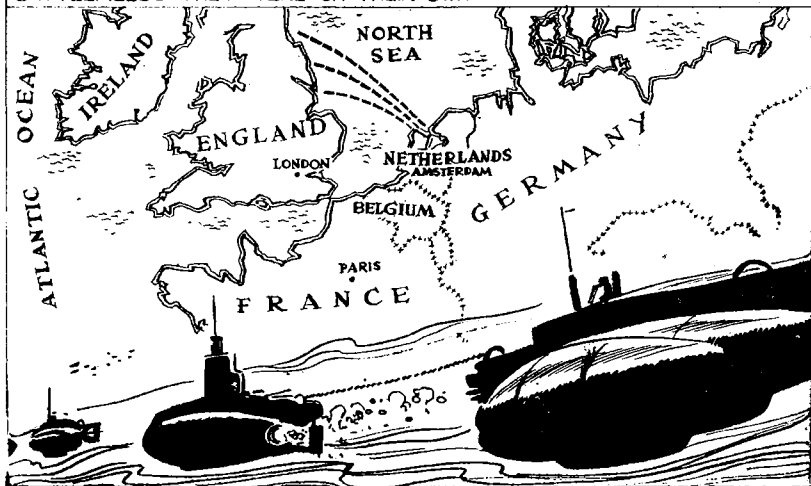
THE X-CRAFT CREW WAS QUICKLY BRIEFED FOR THEIR STRANGE NEW ROLE -- MIDGET SUBS AGAINST THE GERMAN ARMY!

HEY, YOU LADS ARE REALLY TAKING THIS WAR SERIOUSLY!

SOUNDS AS IF WE MIGHT FIND THESE WEAPONS HANDY, SKIPPER!

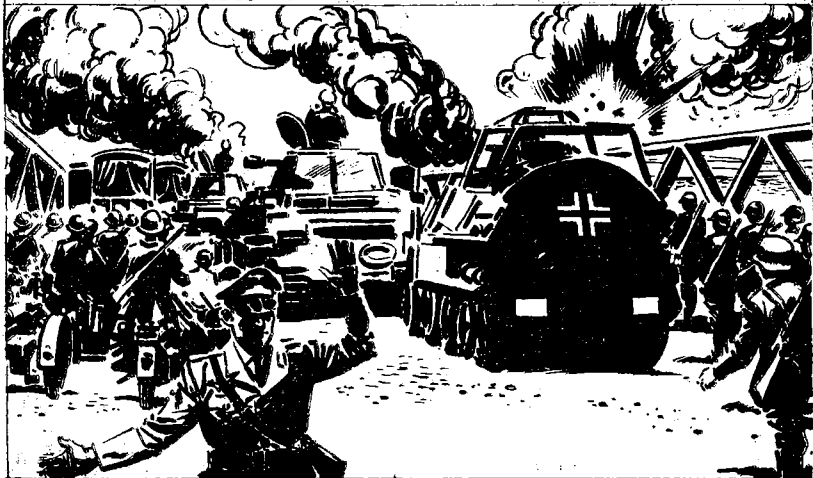


X-100 AND HER SISTERS WERE TOWED ACROSS THE NORTH SEA BY MOTHER CRAFT. FROM THE DUTCH COAST INLAND TO THE FLOODED BATTLEFIELDS THEY WERE ON THEIR OWN.



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FIRST TASK OF THE FLOTILLA WAS TO WRECK BRIDGES OVER WHICH THE ENEMY WERE POURING REINFORCEMENTS INTO THE BATTLE AREA ... HOLDING UP THE ALLIED ADVANCE ...

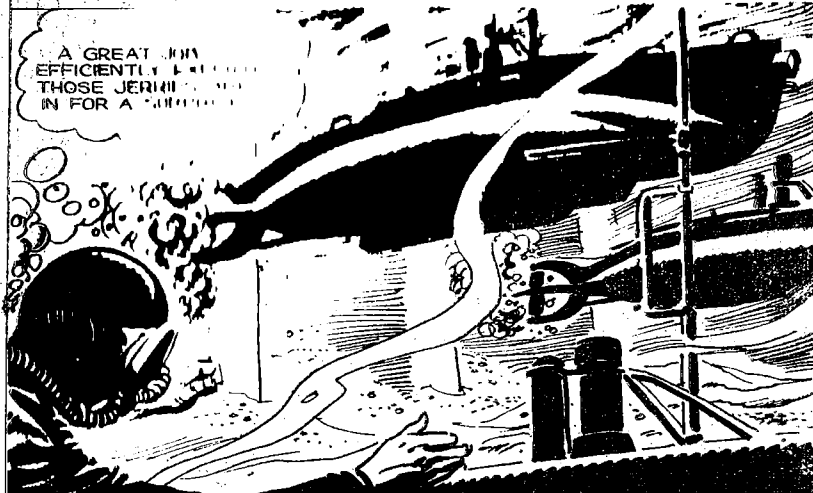


BUT ON THE RIVER BED, FAR BELOW THE BRIDGE CARRYING THE NAZI MECHANISED MIGHT, STEWART AND HIS MEN WERE AT WORK ...



THE CHARGES LAID, FOR THE FIRST TIME, ON THE BRIDGE QUARTERS, WHILE THE GERMAN TRANSPORTER WAS BEING HURLED INTO THE AIR BY THE BOMB.

A GREAT JUMP  
EFFICIENTLY LAID  
THOSE JERKING  
IN FOR A



WITH VIOLENT SUDDENNESS THE BRIDGE SUPPORTS WERE SHATTERED AND VEHICLES AND MEN WERE HURLED HELPLESSLY INTO THE WATER.

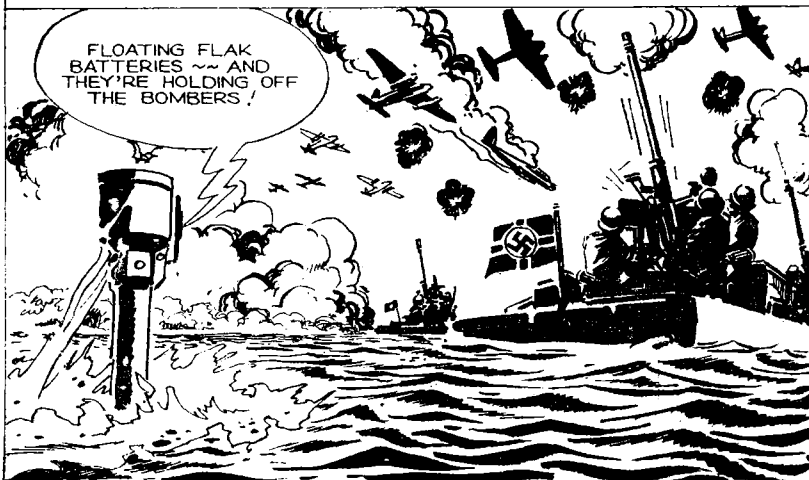


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FORWARD BRITISH PATROLS RUBBED THEIR EYES AS THE GLADDENING SIGHT WAS REPEATED ALONG THE ESTUARY, SEALING OFF THE GERMAN TROOPS IN THE AREA BEFORE THEM.



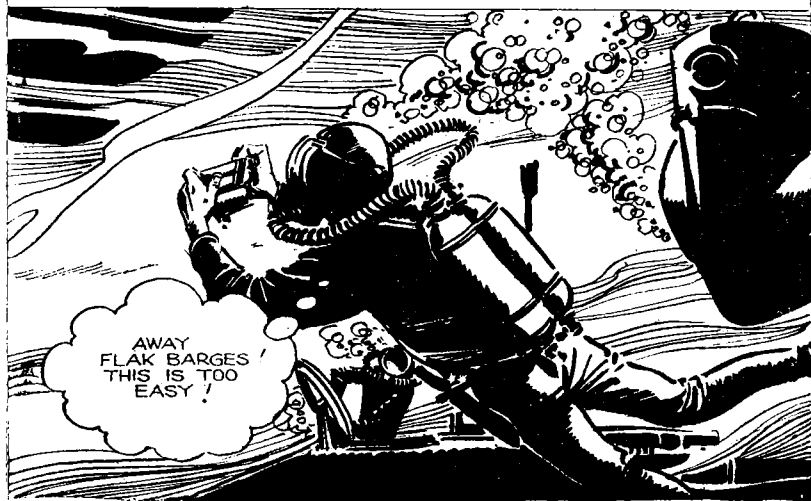
GERMAN REINFORCEMENTS WERE PILING UP AT THE FAR SIDE OF THE BLOWN BRIDGES AND THE R.A.F. WERE QUICK TO SENSE A REWARDING TARGET. BUT THE DESPERATE ENEMY FOUGHT BACK SAVAGELY ...



SANDY STEWART SNAPPED SWIFT ORDERS OVER THE FLOTILLA RADIO...



TRAINING AND DISCIPLINE. AT SUCH MOMENTS THEY WERE ALL-IMPORTANT.



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SURPRISED BRITISH AIRMEN WATCHED THE DEATH-DEALING BARGES DISINTEGRATE, ONE AFTER THE OTHER.

WOW!  
AMMO MUST  
HAVE GONE UP!  
WHAT A STROKE  
OF LUCK FOR  
US!



ACROSS THE SWOLLEN, BRIDGELESS EXPANSES OF WATER, THE DETERMINED ENEMY SOUGHT OTHER METHODS TO KEEP THEIR BATTLE-FRONT SUPPLIED, FOR THE ALLIES WERE ON THE VERY THRESHOLD OF GERMANY.



THE UNORTHODOX GERMAN ARMADA DID NOT ESCAPE THE NOTICE OF X-FLOTILLA ...



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WHAT ENSUED MUST SURELY HAVE BEEN  
THE STRANGEST BATTLE OF WORLD  
WAR TWO !

TRY THAT,  
YOU DRY-LAND  
SAILORS !





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THE UNDERWATER COMMANDOS PROVED THEMSELVES AS GOOD FIGHTERS ABOVE SURFACE AS THEY WERE SABOTEURS OF THE DEEP ...



THE X-FLOTILLA HAD ITS CASUALTIES, TOO. FOR A DIRECT HIT FROM A TANK GUN COULD SHATTER A MIDGET SUB.



## Danger Dives Deep

TO THE VICTORS ~ THE SPOILS OF BATTLE...



WHEN THE BRITISH ARMY ADVANCED TO THE ESTUARY AGAINST THE ENEMY'S WEAKENING RESISTANCE, THEY FOUND IT IN GOOD HANDS!



SANDY STEWART'S MEN HAD EARNED THE SPECIAL LEAVE GRANTED TO THEM ...

THERE GO A **GREAT**  
BUNCH OF FIGHTING  
SAILORS!

... AND THEY  
STILL HAVE  
A JOB TO  
DO ...



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STEWART, TOO, WENT ON LEAVE AND HIS CUP OF HAPPINESS WOULD HAVE BEEN FILLED TO OVERFLOWING, FOR AT LAST HE HAD THE CHANCE TO COMMAND AN OCEAN-GOING SUBMARINE ...

... AND THEY'VE OFFERED ME *WARFISH*! SKIPPER OF THE FINEST SUBMARINE IN ANY FLEET ... THAT'S WHAT I'VE ALWAYS WANTED!



BUT THERE WAS A NAGGING LITTLE UNCERTAINTY IN STEWART'S MIND -- SOMETHING HE COULD NOT QUITE PLACE.

SANDY! TWO OLD SHIPMATES WISH TO SPEAK WITH YOU A MOMENT...

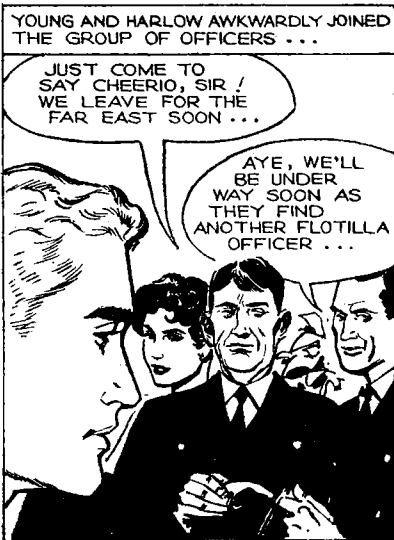
BRING 'EM IN!  
WE'RE CELEBRATING MY --- MY NEW COMMAND!



YOUNG AND HARLOW AWKWARDLY JOINED THE GROUP OF OFFICERS ...

JUST CAME TO SAY CHEERIO, SIR!  
WE LEAVE FOR THE FAR EAST SOON...

AYE, WE'LL BE UNDER WAY SOON AS THEY FIND ANOTHER FLOTILLA OFFICER ...



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AND SUDDENLY LIEUTENANT-COMMANDER STEWART KNEW WHAT HE WANTED TO DO MOST ...

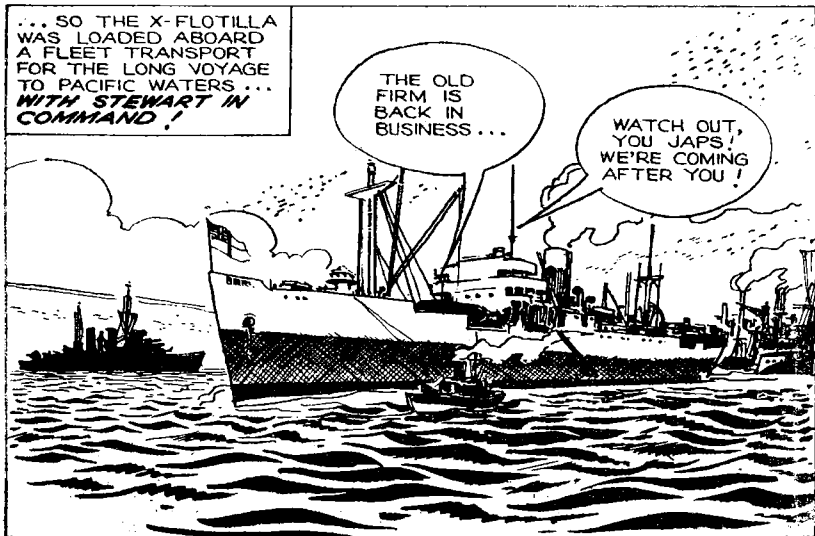
FIND ANOTHER FLOTILLA OFFICER ...  
**NEVER! WHAT'S WRONG  
WITH THE ONE YOU'VE  
GOT?**



... SO THE X-FLOTILLA WAS LOADED ABOARD A FLEET TRANSPORT FOR THE LONG VOYAGE TO PACIFIC WATERS ...  
**WITH STEWART IN  
COMMAND!**

THE OLD  
FIRM IS  
BACK IN  
BUSINESS ...

WATCH OUT,  
YOU JAPS!  
WE'RE COMING  
AFTER YOU!



## Danger Dives Deep

SOON THE MIGHTY MIDGETS MADE  
THEIR PRESENCE FELT ON THE  
OTHER SIDE OF THE WORLD ...



...LED IN EVERY ATTACK BY A FEARLESS  
OFFICER, WHO MIGHT HAVE BEEN A  
FIRST CLASS SUBMARINE COMMANDER,  
BUT WAS, INSTEAD, THE INSPIRATION OF  
THAT FIGHTING FORCE WITHOUT EQUAL.  
**THE UNDERWATER COMMANDOS!**

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